

We must continue to impress upon our children and grandchildren the sacrifices that our armed services have provided this country. We must be diligent in reminding all Americans, young and old, that the price of freedom is paid for everyday, through the blood, sweat and tears of our brave men and women of the Armed Forces and the sacrifices made by their family members.

Additionally, our Education System has the duty and the responsibility to continue to highlight the historical impact of the military throughout the last 230 years. Americans must never forget the historical impact of the military in United States history and the role they played in ensuring the American way of life. Events like the American Revolution, the Civil War, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, and World War I and II, must always be remembered for the important role they played in making the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

Finally, while we understand and praise the personal sacrifices our brave men and women make in defending our great Nation, we frequently forget that duty is a 24–7, 365-day commitment for the soldiers and their families. As we continue our Global War on Terror, military members of the Armed Forces will continue to shoulder the burden of freedom and independence. A month-long dedication to their tireless efforts is the cast we can do as Americans.

Americans, during the National Military Appreciation Month, should go out of their way to shake the hand of a military member, say a special thank-you, and continually pray for our soldiers and their families.

The Armed Forces of the United States of America continue to play a vital role in the defense of this country. Their contributions and sacrifices have not gone unnoticed and designating May as National Military Appreciation Month is a perfect opportunity for us as a Nation to pay great tribute to their tremendous sacrifices.

I encourage my colleagues to support this important resolution and am pleased that today the House recognizes the valuable contributions of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CANNON. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Conference standards established earlier this year, I submit the following information regarding the Metals Affordability Initiative that I support.

Bill: H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization.

Account: Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

Legal name of receiving entity: Metals Affordability Initiative Consortium.

Address: MAI Program Management Office, Pratt & Whitney, c/o Thomas Rupprecht, Mail Stop 114–45, 400 Main Street, E. Hartford CN.

Anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project: MAI operates under a Technical Information Agreement (TIA) with a

total project cost cap of \$75,000,000 through FY 13. AFRL has budgeted approximately \$13.5 mil through FY 2011 from limited discretionary funds for developing advanced structural metals technology.

Percent and source of required matching fund: MAI participants cost share 10 percent on AFRL-directed Type I projects and at least 25 percent on industry-directed Type II projects, funded by congressional directions.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars:

The mission of MAI is to maintain U.S. leadership in the strategic aerospace metals industrial sector by using technology innovation to maintain global competitiveness while improving performance and increasing affordability of weapons systems. This sector includes the entire domestic specialty aerospace metals industrial manufacturing base, representing all elements of the supply chain, which produce aluminum, beryllium, nickel-base superalloys, and titanium.

MAI is a model for government/industry collaboration. MAI programs have already accomplished 47 current or planned technology insertions into military systems.

MAI provides innovation, rapid development and implementation of new metals technology. Many of the MAI programs impact sustainability of the aging Air Force fleet. The authorization provided for in this bill will allow for the initiation of 6 new programs, as well as sustaining ongoing programs, directed at sustainment and life extension, fuel savings/energy management and access to space.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 343, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 6049 with Instructions, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 344, on Passage of H.R. 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

On rollcall No. 345, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1771, the Crane Conservation Act of 2008, as Amended, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

On rollcall No. 346, on Passage of H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act, Objections of the President Not Withstanding, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 347, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3819, the Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008 as Amended, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 348, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5826, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 349, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5856, the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure and transparency as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. I hereby submit the following information on a project I requested and the House Armed Services Committee included in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Air Force; Research, Development, Test & Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Oregon (on behalf of the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnology Institute (ONAMI) which consists of the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Portland State University).

Address of Requesting Entity: Attn: Rich Linton, Vice President for Research, 203 Johnson Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

Description of Project: H.R. 5658 has authorized \$1,000,000 for the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnology Institute (ONAMI) Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Initiative. 26 percent of the funds will be used for equipment and 74 percent will be used for project expenses associated with personnel, including: salary, benefits, travel, and tuition off sets for research assistants.

The ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Initiative develops inherently safer and greener nanomaterials and nanomanufacturing methods, which directly impact the military's need for high performance materials that do not emit unintended wastestreams or material hazards. Three general areas of activity included within the Initiative are: (1) rational design of safer and greener materials based upon unique properties found at the nanoscale, (2) systematic assessment of the biological impacts of engineered nanomaterials, and (3) development of technology for high volume manufacturing and application of high-performance nanomaterials. Examples of nanomaterials and manufacturing of importance for military technology include nanoelectronics and nanophotonics, thermoelectric coolers, medical diagnostics and therapeutics, drinking water purification and